

WEATHER FORECAST FOR TODAY.
Light trades and fair weather.

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SENATE PASSES THE COUNTY BILL WITH TEN VOTES

Senator Cecil Brown Charges the Lower House With Delaying Senate Bills.

Kumalae Says the Senate Is a Snake and One of His Fellows Makes a Peace Talk On the Quiet.

What with Senator Cecil Brown going after the House with a sharp stick, and Representative Kumalae giving the Senate a verbal castigation, the two branches of the Legislature were in a fair way yesterday to get pretty thoroughly at loggerheads—and no body at hand to pour conference oil upon the troubled waters. Of course no body will answer Kumalae. His attack was made in a speech, and there is nothing in the record beyond hot air to show its existence. The attack of Senator Brown is different. He embodied it in the form of a resolution, putting it up to somebody in the House to explain why the Senate bills have been delayed in the lower chamber.

And a member of the House offered an explanation of the trouble to an Advertiser man yesterday. "There is no malicious desire to hold back the Senate bills in the lower house," this member said. "In fact, the entire Legislature is the gainer by the delay. Let me explain: These bills, that it is claimed we are holding back, come down to us and find bills in the House Committees covering practically the same ground. The Senate bills are then referred to these committees, which at once go to work in an endeavor to so amend the House measures as to make them harmonize with the bills that have passed the Senate. As fast as that is done, the Senate bills are reported to the House and passed there, and that at once becomes the final passage, the House duplicate bills being eliminated. Thus you see time is gained, whereas if we were to take up the Senate bills at once as they come to us there would be six readings to each bill and the delays would be endless."

The secret communication for the reading of which Speaker Beckley cleared the chamber just prior to the adjournment of the House was a letter from the High Sheriff notifying the members that there would be a riot drill of the police last night. It is not made public until now. The story of it will be found elsewhere in this paper.

The Senate has done its share towards giving County government to Hawaii. The Republican County bill passed that body unanimously last night but it is extremely doubtful whether it will ever become a law in the shape in which it was passed. The House is seeking after strange gods and the bill passed by the Representatives will carry a number of features which the Senate voted solidly against. The House bill will have tacked on to it the Kauai County school bill and there will be opposition to every section passed by the Senate which gives enlarged control to the Territory. It would not be such a terrible surprise if the House bill partook somewhat of the features of the Home Rule bill and the conference committee will have a difficult task in making the views of the Senate and the House jibe.

IN THE HOUSE

The House was called to order yesterday morning by Mr. Knudsen, in the absence of the Speaker, with about half the desks occupied. And the House was set to music by the band in the Capitol grounds. On the whole, the translation of the minutes into Hawaiian sounded better that way. As a starter for the day, Paele moved for a suspension of the rules to present a fire claims petition, and was reminded by Knudsen that only eighteen more working days remained, and every time the rules were suspended it was that much time lost. Nevertheless, and despite the rule that petitions should only be presented on Monday, the motion carried. And then Kealawa broke in with a petition, too.

Treasurer Kepoikai submitted that there was a lot of cancelled Hawaiian currency in the cellar of the Capitol, and recommended that it be destroyed. This went to the finance committee. The total amount of this stuff is \$308,165.

A number of bills that had passed third reading in the Senate were transmitted to the House and pushed along on the Legislative stage.

KEPOIKAI WRITES LETTER.

Treasurer Kepoikai next submitted a communication, as follows, which would seem to indicate that he considers himself entitled to take a shot over the head of the Executive at the Legislature on his own account:

"On the 4th inst. I addressed a communication to His Excellency the Governor of the Territory of Hawaii wherein I submitted to him a list of unpaid bills of the Tax Bureau throughout the Territory amounting to \$2,241.18, and the estimated expenditures per taxation division to the end of the present fiscal period, amounting in all to \$6,000.

"I notice that the Governor has submitted the unpaid bills for your consideration, but I have failed to see an item in the emergency bill covering the balance of the estimated expenditures, to-wit, \$3,758.82.

"I therefore respectfully submit for the consideration of your honorability body of the amount of \$3,758.82, to be

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WHISTLE SOUNDING RIOT AND FIRE CALL ROUSED PEOPLE LAST NIGHT

Legislators Saw Police and Fire-Fighters Assembling and Moving on the Jump in Fine Surprise Drill in Response to Quick Calls.

Long piercing blasts of the fire whistle at 9:30 last evening, often repeated, to be renewed again half an hour later, caused alarmed residents all over the city to hurry down town to ascertain their meaning. The first signals consisted of five blasts in quick succession, repeated about a dozen times during the succeeding ten minutes. Few persons could make out what to them was a meaningless signal, but every officer and person connected with the Police Department, watchmen and government officials knew that it was one of the most terrifying of signals—a riot call.

Hardly had residents composed themselves when the whistle again sounded, this time designating fire signal box 35 at the Pacific Mail dock.

But there was no riot and there was no fire. Both signals were turned in for the edification of the Police Committee of the House of Representatives, to illustrate their value and the urgent need for two telegraph systems to be installed all over the city. The signals in both cases were responded to in a manner which showed plainly that the city is ably protected both from riots and fires.

The Police Committee headed by Acting Chairman Kupieha and Speaker Beckley was present in the Station Clerk's office at 9:33 when High Sheriff Brown opened box 5 near the clerk's desk and turned in the riot call. The immediate response was the fire whistle blowing five times in quick succession and renewed several times. The next instant men came tumbling down stairs from the dormitories above where they had been asleep, who ran to the jailyard, buckled on cartridge belts and procured rifles from the armory. A squad of men was sent to the street and with fixed bayonets guarded the Station House. The patrol wagon was hitched up, and then down the street came the clattering of hoofs as mounted patrolmen galloped in from their beats and tied up at the iron fence. They too hurried into the jail-yard and armed themselves with carbines. Foot police ran in, officers in civilian clothes, some with only trousers and a coat and hat, shirtless and sockless, but all intent in doing their duty. The special police officers in any old garb, Deputy High Sheriff Chillingworth and a squad just prevented from carrying out a well-planned gambling raid, whites, Hawaiians, Chinese, Japanese, Porto Ricans, all tumbled into the station and were drawn up in serried lines by the High Sheriff and Captain Parker. The mounted men were in command of Patrolman Barthold.

In ten minutes by the watch held by Speaker Beckley every available officer was at the station under arms and ready to face a rioting mob. Then the patrol wagon dashed out filled with armed men and went at headlong speed to Kawaiahao church where they reported in just three minutes. The sudden dash of the patrol wagon startled a horse attached to a brake near the postoffice and a mounted officer showed his training by speeding after the animal and overtaking it. Then the mounted men galloped off for a mimic fray and showed what a well-trained branch of the police force it was.

By this time all steps in town had turned to the Police Station and the streets were filled with wondering people. The entire aggregation of police, foot, mounted, specials, clerks, surgeon, turnkeys and assistants numbered nearly eighty men. When the drill was concluded the House Committee expressed its pleasure at the exhibition and the High Sheriff was congratulated upon the success of the ruse, as the

majority of the officers knew nothing of the plan, and came into the station really believing a riot was in progress somewhere.

Then the patrol wagon and the Oahu Prison wagon filled with committeemen, police officers, Andrew Brown, fire commissioner, and members of the press were driven rapidly to the Esplanade where box 35 was located at the foot of Alakea street. The High Sheriff turned in a Citizen's Key Police alarm from the police box and a bicycle officer responded in less than four minutes.

Fire Commissioner Brown then went to the red box, turned the handle, and sent in a fire alarm. The big-throated whistle again resounded and backs and people soon came in a rush to the scene. Then came the engine, chemical engine, and two hose carts from the Central Fire headquarters on Fort street. The engine was first with the chemical a close second. Clanging their gongs the drivers brought their teams into the Esplanade with a magnificent burst and the watch showed that the turnout had been accomplished in three minutes and forty seconds. Chief Engineer Thurston at once went to the box and after waiting a few seconds pulled down a telegraph lever and turned in a general alarm, notifying the Palama and Makiki engine companies to proceed to box 35 with all haste, instead of reporting at headquarters as in ordinary alarms. The street was cleared of hacks and within five minutes the engine and hose wagon of the Palama station came upon the scene followed a minute later by the Makiki trucks. The exhibition was a complete success.

SUPREME COURT HEARS TAX CASES

The Supreme Court was occupied yesterday with the hearing of tax appeal cases. The following appeals were argued and submitted: C. Brewer & Co., Honolulu Rapid Transit Co., Castle & Cooke, J. P. Cooke and Lam Wo Sing.

In the last named case the court allowed the introduction of testimony on the showing of the appellant that he had been given no hearing in the tax court. The appeal was from a valuation by the assessor of rice lands of Lam Wo sing, and T. F. Lansing was put on the stand as a rice grower to show the value of rice land. He testified that the value was less in 1902 than in 1901 owing to the fact that the rice business was better in 1901. This was due not only to the low price of rice but to the scarcity of labor. The court took the case under advisement.

HARVARD MEN EN ROUTE TO SIAM

Prof. Edward Henry Strobel Bemis, professor of international law, and another pedagogue of Harvard Law School may shortly pass through Honolulu en route to Siam to assume important positions in the royal court. One of the positions is that of legal adviser to the king, a place of great responsibility. Prof. Bemis has had much experience in diplomatic affairs and in considered an authority on international law. He has been secretary of the United States legation at Madrid, third Secretary of State in the second Cleveland administration, Minister to Ecuador and Minister to Chile.

This evening at Drs. Wood and Day's office D. L. Van Dine will give a lantern-slide talk on the mosquito and Dr. Day will discuss the insect from a medical point of view. There will be an exhibition of the X-ray afterwards.

The Queen street wall of the Kerr building, which has been in an unsafe condition for some time, is being levelled.

HIGH OFFICIAL COMPELLED TO RESIGN HIS POST

Postmaster General Payne Removes Assistant Attorney General Tyner for Collusion in Fraud.

Increase of Trouble With Labor Unions on the Coast—New Trusts Forming—Jamaica Gives Up Reciprocity Fight.

(ASSOCIATED PRESS CABLEGRAMS.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 26.—Postmaster General Payne has removed James N. Tyner, Assistant Attorney General for the Postoffice Department. The charge against him is that he assisted his nephew, Harrison J. Barrett, to earn large fees from illegitimate business houses which had employed Barrett to delay action against them by the Postoffice Department. Tyner is an old man of long public service who, his friends claim, was deceived by Barrett. He will resist removal.

Troubles With the Unions.

SEATTLE, March 26.—The street railway system here has been tied up by a strike to compel the recognition of the union.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 26.—The United Street railroads of this city have refused to recognize the demand of the union for an increase of wages.

To Refund Government Bonds.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 26.—The Secretary of the Treasury announces that he will refund 1908 three per cent. bonds and 1907 four per cent. bonds to the amount of one hundred millions of dollars.

Bicycle Works Burned.

AKRON, O., March 26.—As a result of a gasoline explosion the works of the American Cycle Company were burned. The loss is \$250,000.

The Trusts Increasing.

TRENTON, N. J., March 26.—Various subsidiary companies of the steel trust have merged with a capital of \$63,000,000.

Jamaicans Give Up.

KINGSTON, Jamaica, March 26.—All hope of getting reciprocity with the United States has been abandoned.

The Buffalo Inquests.

BUFFALO, March 26.—The Burdick inquest has been closed and the Pennell inquest will begin on Monday.

Russia Wants Money.

BRUSSELS, March 26.—Russia is negotiating in this market for a loan of one hundred million dollars.

Afternoon Dispatches From Associated Press.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., March 26.—Sugar: 96 deg. Centrifugals, 3.695 cents. Previous quotation, 3.70. Beets, 88 analysis, 8s 2 1-2d.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., March 26.—Ex-Queen Liliuokalani with her party are booked to sail on the Oceanic steamer Ventura leaving here April 2d.

HAVANA, Cuba, March 26.—The discussion of the Cuban treaty resulting from President Palma's call for an extra session of Congress has given rise to a sentiment of suspicion as to the motives of the United States. There is a feeling of dissatisfaction with the treaty.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., March 26.—Representatives of the Oceanic Steamship Company deny that they intend to cut the passenger rate to Honolulu. The story of a possible reduction had its origin in Honolulu and was given some credit owing to the financial condition of the company which caused a drop in the quotations of its stock in the local market.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 26.—Treasury Agent McLennan started for Honolulu today. He will have charge of disbursing the \$1,000,000 appropriated by the last Congress to pay the claims arising from the 1900 plague fires. McLennan will make his headquarters at the First National Bank in Honolulu. It is expected he will take passage in the Ventura leaving San Francisco early in April.